

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION TRANSMITTAL**

In re Application of: Laurent Schaller, et al  
For: BRIDGE CLIP TISSUE CONNECTOR APPARATUS AND METHODS  
Serial No.: 09/828,322  
Filed: 04-05-2001

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Application No. : 09/828,322 Group Art Unit: 3743  
Filed: 04-05-2001 Examiner: Ragonese  
Title: BRIDGE CLIP TISSUE CONNECTOR APPARATUS AND METHODS  
**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.**

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on or about August 18, 2005.  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b. ☐ Enclosed
- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/Supplemental IDS
- iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. ☐ A Request for Extension of Time is being filed concurrently.**

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